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Letter to Philander Chase

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Manchester April 8th 1824

My Dear friend

I wrote you yesterday in great haste without making remarks upon your last letter. I infer from your allusion to the difficulties that have arisen since the partnership scheme had been presented, and the wisdom required in managing all things so as to secure the esteem and support of the whole, without injuring the Ohio fund and Seminary, that you were inclined to accede to Bishop Hobart's & Mr. Wheaton's plans. I inclose a letter to Mr. Pratt for your inspection and desire you to hand it to him. It contains my opinion, and you will see that I consider the new scheme full of danger to the cause of Ohio. If I had not reason to suppose that it had met with the approbation of Lord Kenyon, Mr. Marriott, Dr. Foshier & Mr. Pratt, who are all your sincere friends, I should have pronounced it at once, a crafty manoeuvre to destroy your plan by pretended kindness, now it is discovered that violent opposition has been ineffectual. Perhaps my conclusion was wrong, but as there must be doubts about the expediency of such a change, I would commit Lord Gambier upon it. At present I am not fully acquainted with the scheme, but I am not willing you should concede more than you did in the minute of agreement, which was, that the Ohio Seminary should be a Branch of the General Seminary, that the friends of that ^{General} Seminary should reserve a right to present the wants of that Seminary to a favorable consideration of the Public at a future time, and that Bishop Hobart now

Sanctioned the application of your friends for contributions on behalf
of the Diocese of Ohio, unconnected with any other object of charity.
Can you or any one say that no new pretensions are set
up, or that your prospects of success are not more discouraging
than they were under that agreement? I hope your friends at
Bardlett's building will give you their support, and consent
to a postponement of an application for New York & Connecti-
cut. But if they should decline this, I should be willing
to try the experiment in town first, without any pledge
from you beyond that I am quite confident the scheme
will not succeed in the Country. I cannot believe your new
friends will refuse to support you unless you will consent
to a measure that will blast your half-formed project.
I hope you will first ascertain what support and assistance
you are likely to gain from your new friends from
Bardlett's building. I hope they will procure the support of
the Bishops and persons of great influence. Perhaps Lord Kenyon
might ^{you by} calling these personages to meet on the subject and give
you their advice and support. Lord Gambia & Mr. Wilberforce
might perhaps do the same thing with their friends.
If this could be done it would be a great gain. My own
influence in London with wealthy individuals is too
limited to be of service to your cause. I should recommend
your calling at Mr. Alexander Baring's house and leaving
your card and address, and after he has returned your
call, I would hand him an appeal, and make
him acquainted with your friends, supporters & success.
I hope these efforts will be attended with success. But if
all should fail, I would advise you to pursue the
course hitherto pursued, with every accession of
strength I could acquire. In this way I don't doubt you
will succeed. In writing this my principal object is to induce the

letter to Mr. Pratt for your perusal, and to hand you a copy
of one from The Rev. Mr. Hill Vicar of Chertseyfield received
since I sent you the last parcel. The letter begins with
an apology for delaying an answer to your letter from York
and with expressions of joy in the termination of the
difference with the Bishop Star York. and then as follows
"I am much pleased by the proposal respecting a stereotype
Edition of the American Prayer Book, and the result of
my enquiries in Derby & Sheffield enable me to under-
take the disposal of about 40 copies supposing the
price not to exceed 2/6 or 30 if it does not exceed 4/6 &
He hopes to see you in London early in May, and desires
Mr. Hill's best respects - This letter I shall send you
when I have occasion to send another parcel
The plan I have recommended for your intended
circular, has been the result of my reflections
founded on my own experience. I cannot
but think that it would prove beneficial
to your cause and and those who may
undertake to solicit contributions in future.
Very little more will be collected here therefore
it will not be necessary to consider Manchester
in that circular, but if you should approve of a
part or all you will do as you may think
best. I hope you will not think I am presuming
too much in suggesting these hints, and that
you will excuse me for expressing a belief -
That Bishop Hobart, has laid a snare for you
which your friends have not discovered, but which I hope
you will escape ever yours - F. Higgins



dear Mr. May

The receipt of your letter of the 14th inst.

is duly acknowledged and the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities.

Very respectfully,
Wm. Brewster

Dear Mr. May

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